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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/838)]

45/164. International Year for the World's Indigenous People

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the purposes of the United Nations set forth in the Charter is the achievement of international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1990/248 of 25 May 1990, that the General Assembly proclaim 1993 as an international year for the world's indigenous people,

Taking into account the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

1. Proclaims 1993 as International Year for the World's Indigenous People, with a view to strengthening international co-operation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous communities in areas such as human rights, the environment, development, education and health;

2. Invites States to ensure that preparations are made for the Year;

3. Recommends that the specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system consider in their respective forums the contributions that they can make to the success of the Year;

4. Invites organizations of indigenous people and other interested non-governmental organizations to consider the contributions they can make to the success of the Year, with a view to presenting them to the Commission on Human Rights;

5. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its forty-seventh session possible United Nations activities in connection with the Year;

6. Authorizes the Secretary-General to accept and administer voluntary contributions from Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the purpose of funding programme activities for the Year;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a draft programme of activities based on the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and of the specialized agencies;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "Preparation and organization of the International Year for the World's Indigenous People".

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